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1. An audible confirmation system in an Intelligent Network for allowing a calling party to audibly hear an audible name of a call recipient, the audible confirmation system comprising:
- a. a database configured for storing a plurality of text names wherein each of the plurality of text names is associated with a unique identifier;
 - b. a control point coupled to the database and configured to retrieve one of the plurality of text names in response to a call recipient selected by the calling party; and
 - c. a text to speech converter coupled to the control point and configured to convert the selected one of the plurality of text names into the audible name.
2. The audible confirmation system according to claim 1 wherein the unique identifier is a telephone number.
3. The audible confirmation system according to claim 1 wherein the database is a calling name database.
4. A method of allowing a calling party to audibly identify a call recipient, the method comprising the following steps:
- a. initiating a call from the calling party directed to an identifier belonging to the call recipient;
 - b. matching the identifier to a text name corresponding to the recipient within a database;
 - c. retrieving the text name of the recipient from the database;

- 8 d. converting the text name of the call recipient to an audible name; and
9 e. audibly playing the audible name of the call recipient to the calling party prior
10 to connecting the call.

1 5. The method according to claim 4 wherein the identifier is a telephone number
2 belonging to the call recipient.

1 6. The method according to claim 4 wherein the database is a name calling database.

1 7. The method according to claim 4 further comprising automatically re-dialing the call
2 recipient if the call cannot be connected.

1 8. The method according to claim 7 further comprising leaving the call recipient a pre-
2 recorded message from the calling party.

1 9. A method of allowing a calling party to audibly identify a call recipient, wherein the
2 method comprising the following steps:

- 3 a. pre-recording a voice message by the calling party directed toward an identifier
4 belonging to the call recipient;
5 b. matching the identifier to a text name corresponding to the call recipient
6 wherein the identifier and the text name are stored within a database;
7 c. converting the text name of the call recipient to an audible name; and
8 d. audibly playing the audible name of the recipient to the calling party.

1 10. The method according to claim 9 further comprising audibly delivering the voice
2 message to the call recipient subsequent to audibly playing the audible name to the calling
3 party.

1 11. The method according to claim 9 wherein the database is a name calling database.

1 12. The method according to claim 9 wherein the database contains a plurality of
2 identifiers and a corresponding plurality of text names.

1 13. The method according to claim 9 wherein the identifier is a telephone number
2 belonging to the call recipient.

1 14. The method according to claim 9 further comprising locating the database which
2 contains the identifier and the text name belonging to the recipient among a plurality of
3 databases.